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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/813,965	Applicant(s) FALOTICO ET AL.	
	Examiner Jennifer Kim	Art Unit 1617	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9 and 10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-8 drawn to a liquid formulation of a therapeutic agent comprising: rapamycin in a pharmaceutically effective dosage; and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable solubility enhancers is acknowledged. Accordingly, claims 9-10 are withdrawn from consideration because they are non-elected invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Waranis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,516,770).

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Waranis et al. teach an aqueous, injectable rapamycin (also known as sirolimus) solution comprising the concentration of rapamycin from **0.25mg/ml to 3mg/ml**. (abstract). Waranis et al. illustrate a preparation of rapamycin (sirolimus) at **1mg/ml** with **polyethylene glycol, water** and polysorbate. (Examples 2 and 3).

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rubino et al. (US 2004/0167152 A1).

Rubino et al. teach aqueous parenteral formulations of **rapamycin 42-ester** with 3-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methyl-propionic acid (**CCI-779**) with a parenterally acceptable cosolvent, antioxidant (stabilizers) and a surfactant. (abstract, [0021]). Rubino et al. illustrate the formulation comprising CCI-779, **vitamin E TPGS** and **water**. ([0041], Example 6). Rubino et al. illustrate the formulation comprising **CCI-779, polyethylene glycol, polysorbate and water**. ([0036], Example 4). Rubino et al. teach that the concentration of CCI-779 is from about **0.05mg/ml to about 50mg/ml, particularly from about 1mg/ml to about 25mg/ml, and about 2.5mg/ml to about 10mg/ml**. (claims 1-7, 17 and 18, particularly claims 7, 17 and 18). These ranges of the concentration overlaps and encompasses Applicant's claimed concentration range set forth in claim 3.

For these reasons the claimed subject matter is deemed to fail to patentably distinguish over the state of the art as represented by the cited references. The claims are therefore properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102.

None of the claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-0628. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 6:30 am to 3 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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